

The Developmental Early Intervention Council met at the Buffalo Trace Commonwealth Center on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 with Melisa Cantrell presiding.

The first item of business on the agenda was a concern for lack of people to fill the contract positions, primarily Primary Service Coordinators and Speech Therapists.

Discussion about such stringent qualifications and specific details was discussed. The general consensus of the group was summarized by Sue Hill saying the requirements for the job made it unattractive for the number of paid hours offered. She stated the job paid no benefits or mileage, and this was the reason few people bothered to apply. Jane Fay told the group the hourly wage for PSC's is \$83.00 per hour, face to face, and \$61.00 per hour for office work. It was noted that the PSC's must own their own computer and be computer savvy since everything must be printed from the computer.

When addressing the problem of hiring primary level evaluators, Jane Fay reported they are paid \$225.00 per evaluation, and \$175.00 for the Hawaii Early Learning Profile.

Melisa Cantrell provided the following website, and encouraged anyone present who knows someone who might be interested to contact the person and provide them with the website.

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/firststeps.htm>

Click on new providers.

Interested persons may also contact Jane Fay.

Jane Fay also noted the need for a Parent Consultant to fill the part time position of 2 days per week. She noted the applicant must have had a child in First Steps. She stated there are other positions listed on the website.

Kelly Case then gave her monthly report on First Steps activities for the month, and provided each member present a copy.

Judy Toomey expressed a need to have the listing in the phone directory changed from POE to First Steps, since parents seem to have difficulty finding it in the directory.

Lorna Kaye Sapp volunteered to make the request.

Jane Fay reported that the money is available and the vote was approved at the

previous meeting to share the cost of a new computer with Comprehend. It was approved to write Comprehend a check to reimburse them for our portion of the cost of the new computer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lorna Kaye Sapp